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The CIA and TV

A wealthy Texas conservative is proposing a television series on the Central Intelligence Agency. That's worth thinking about. The idea, according to the would-be sponsor, was suggested by the popularity of "The FBI" — a series that put a high gloss on the bureau's image and had an FBI agent as a full-time script reviewer.

The CIA likes the idea; a spokesman says that the proposed series would have a "positive approach" and that "with our new policy of openness, we wouldn't foreclose working with (the sponsors) or suggesting story lines." But with the CIA in the act, would viewers see the agency warts and all? We doubt it. A series based on published accounts of CIA activities is one thing; to have the CIA involved in the series is another. That's not just entertainment; it would be propaganda. We think the CIA should think again.

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